



AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

April 7, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Accompanying this letter is an amendment / response concerning U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/620,502 submitted by Hales for an Embroidery Machine with a Cap Bill Support Device.

In response to the communication dated March 15, 2004, a shortened statutory period of three months was set.

Accordingly, this document is timely and does not require payment of the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Respectfully,

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Serial No. : 10/620,502 Examiner : Ishmael Izaguirre
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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This amendment is filed in response to an action by the Office dated March 15, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period was set. Accordingly this response is timely and does not require any additional extension fees. Please amend the above-identified application as noted.

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